ton, 10.5; Cornwall and Hartland, 10. Virginia.--Marion, given under "Local Storms." Hail was reported as follows: 12; Abingdon, 9; Big Stone Gap, 5. West Virginia.—Tyler 1st, Ind., Ky., Minn., Miss., Mo. 2d, Ill., Minn., N. C., Wash. Creek, 3. Wisconsin.—Butternut, 8; Bayfield, 6.5; Medford 3d, Ind., Mo., Ohio, Tenn. 4th, N. J., Va. 6th, Cal., Colo., Mo., (1), 6; Hayward, 5.5; Ithaca and Phillips, 5. Wyoming.— Fort Washakie, 24.1; Fort McKinney, 12; Cheyenne, 6.8.
The following is the heaviest snowfall reported for April in

the several states and territories from 1882 to 1890, inclusive: Ariz., 14.0, at Cooley's Springs, in 1890; Cal., 126, at Summit, in 1884; Colo., 61.2, at Pike's Peak, in 1886; Conn., 14.0, at North Colebrook, in 1887; Ill., 10.5, at Riley, in 1884; Ind., 17.5, at Farmland, in 1886; Iowa, 5.5, at Manchester, in 1884; Kans., 18.0, at Fort Scott, in 1884; Ky., 5.8, at Frankfort, in 1886; Me., 21.0, at Cornish, in 1888; Md., 10.0, at Cumberland, in 1889; Mass., 26.0, at Princeton, in 1884; Mich., 39.3, at Tenn., Tex. 19th, Colo., Kans., Nev., S. Dak., Tenn., Tex. Hudson, in 1885; Minn., 18.2, at Saint Vincent, in 1885; Mo., 6.5, at Saint Louis, in 1886; Mont., 18.4, at Fort Maginnis, in 1887; Nebr., 14.8, at North Platte, in 1886; Nev., 26.0, at Ruby Hill, in 1890; N. H., 66.0, at Mount Washington, in 1882; 23d, Cal., Miss., N. C., Oregon, Pa., Wash. 24th, Ga., Idaho, N. J., 7.0, at Vineland, in 1887; N. Mex., 5.8, at Santa Fe., in 1885; N. Y., 19.5, at Rochester, in 1885; N. C., 17.0, at Nebr., N. C., Vash. 29th, Mass., N. J., Pa. 27th, N. Mex. 28th, Nebr., N. C., Wash. 29th, Idaho, Kans., Mont., Nebr., N. H., in 1885; N. Y., 19.5, at Rochester, in 1885; N. C., 17.0, at Raleigh, in 1887; Ohio, 22.0, at Jacksonborough, in 1886; Oregon, 7.5, at Vernonia, in 1890; Pa., 23.9, at Drifton, in 1884; R. I., 13.2, at Block Island, in 1887; Dakota, 45.1, at Deadwood, in 1887; Tex., 3.0, at Ochiltree, in 1890; Utah, 13.6, at Nephi, in 1883; Vt., 29.0, at Strafford, in 1887; Va., 11.5, at Alum Springs, in 1889; W. Va., 10.5, at Helvetia, in 1885; Wis., 18.5, at Wausau, in 1885; and Wyo., 22.0, at Chevenne, in 1890. O HAIL.

Description of the more severe hail storms of the month is Mass., Wyo.

Ohio. 7th, Cal., Nev., Oregon. 8th, Cal., Iowa, Kans., Minn., Mo., S. Dak., Tex., Wis. 9th, Ark., Ill., Ind., Iowa, Kans., Mich., Minn., Mo., Tenn., Tex. 10th, Ind., Ky., Mich., Miss., Ohio. 11th, Nev., N. C., Pa., Tenn., Tex. 12th, Iowa, Kans., Nich. Nebr., Okla. T., S. Dak., Tex. 13th, Iowa, Kans., Mo., Nebr., Nev. 14th, Mich., Ohio, Okla. T., Tex., Utah. 15th, Colo., Fla., Kans., Mo., Nebr., S. C., Tex., Utah, Wyo. 16th, Ariz., Ark., Colo., Ill., Iowa, Kans., Minn., Mo., Nebr., N. C., Pa., S. Dak., Tex., Utah, Wyo. 17th, Ill., Ind., Iowa, Kans., Mo., Nev., Ohio, Tenn., Tex., Va. 18th, Colo., Ind., Iowa, Nev., N. H., Pa., 20th, Colo., Iowa, Kans., Mont., Tenn., Tex., Wyo. 21st, Colo., Wash. 30th, Ind., Ohio, Pa., S. Dak., Tex.

O SLEET.

Sleet was reported as follows: 1st, Kans. 2d, Iowa, Wis. 3d, Ill., Me., Mass., Mo., Mont., N. Y., Pa., Tenn. 4th, Ind., Tenn. 5th, Tenn. 6th, Colo., Md. 7th, Cal., Nev., Utah. Sth, Iowa, Minn., Mo., Nebr., S. Dak., Wis. 9th, Mich., Minn. 10th, Minn. 12th, Pa. 14th, Mich. 16th, Utah. 18th, Ariz., Utah. 23d, Me. 24th, Cal. 25th, Cal., Me.,

O WINDS.

The prevailing winds during April, 1891, are shown on about 5 p.m., causing damage to buildings, etc. At Guthrie, Chart II by arrows flying with the wind. In New England, Okla. T., a heavy wind storm prevailed from 4 to 6 p.m., durthe middle Atlantic states, the lower lake region, the upper Mississippi valley, on the middle-eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains, over the southern and northern plateau regions, and on the middle Pacific coast the winds were mostly from southwest to northwest; in the south Atlantic states, on the northeast slope of the Rocky Mountains, over the middle plateau region, and on the north Pacific coast from southeast to southwest: over the Florida Peninsula, from northeast to southeast; in the west Gulf states and the Rio Grande Valley, from east to southeast; in the Ohio Valley and Tennessee, from west to north; in the upper lake region, from northwest to northeast; in the extreme northwest, from northwest to north; in the Missouri Valley, from the northwest; on the southeast slope of the Rocky Mountains, from the south; on the south Pacific coast, from the west; and in the east Gulf states, variable.

HIGH WINDS.

[In miles per hour.]

Wind velocities of 50 miles, or more, per hour were reported at regular stations of the Signal Service, as follows: 1st, 50, n., at Oklahoma City, Okla. T.; 60, w., at Fort Sill., Okla. T. 2d, 54, se., at Wood's Holl, Mass. 3d, 60, e., at Eastport, Me.; 60, ne., at Boston, Mass.; 52, se., at Nantucket, Mass.; 54, w., at Wood's Holl, Mass.; 70, se., at Block Island, R. I. 5th, 68, se., at Fort Canby, Wash. 8th, 54, nw., at Cheyenne, Wyo. 12th, 52, s., at Sioux City, Iowa. 16th, 53, s., at Sioux City, Iowa; 58, sw., at Dodge City, Kans. 20th, 63, nw., at Corpus Christi, Tex.; 50, se., at Chicago, Ill. 21st, 59, se., at Fort Canby, Wash. 22d, 40, sw., at Block Island, R. I.; 68, se., at Fort Canby, Wash. 25th, 50, sw., at Fort Du Chesne, Utah. 26th, 67, se., at Fort Canby, Wash.; 50, ne., at Kitty Hawk, N. C. 27th, 51, sw., at Port Huron, Mich. 29th, 54, n., at Fort Custer, Mont.

LOCAL STORMS.

ing which 1 building was blown down.

2-3d.—A severe gale prevailed along the New England and New Jersey coasts, causing damage to shipping and seaside property. At Block Island, R. I., the wind attained a velocity of 70 miles per hour at 1.52 a. m., 3d; there was a heavy sea, and all vessels remained in port. At New Haven, Conn., snow began at 6.30 p. m., 2d, and ended at 10.45 a. m., 3d, with heavy wind shifting from ne. to nw. At New London, Conn., snow continued at intervals during the day and night of the 2d, with high ne. shifting to nw. winds. The wind on Long Island Sound was high, and the New York and Stonington boats were delayed several hours. At Boston, Mass., the wind blew with great force from 2 to 7 a. m., 3d, with a maximum of 60 miles per hour from the ne., and gusts of much greater force. From 8 p. m., 2d, to 8 a. m., 3d, the barometer fell 1.00 inch. Considerable damage was done in the city and vicinity. A report from Vineyard Haven, Mass., states that a schooner went ashore at West Chop; no lives lost. At Manchester, N. H., snow commenced the night of the 2d and continued throughout the 3d, with rain at intervals; total snowfall 6.5 inches. The storm was attended with high ne. winds and was the most severe in that section since March, 1888; fruit and shade trees were badly injured and telegraphic communication was cut off for the day. At Portland, Me., a violent ne. gale set in about 5 a. m., 3d, with heavy, moist snow at intervals until 1 p. m.; electric wires were prostrated, and at 4 p. m. the barometer was 29.01 (reduced). At Eastport, Me., a gale began at 4.35 a. m., 3d, and reached a maximum velocity of 60 miles per hour from the se. at 3.05 p. m., and ended at 5.55 p. m. On the 3d, during a heavy nw. sea and snow storm at Cleveland, Ohio, the tug "Tempest" was sunk inside the breakwater, and 3 men were drowned.

8th.—At 9.25 p. m., central time, a storm moved ne. over Garza, Tex., in a path about 50 yards in width. The storm 1st .- At Oklahoma City, Okla. T., a severe gale began was attended by heavy hail, continuous lightning, and very

age to buildings to the extent of about \$500. A heavy wind cows were killed by lightning. A severe electric storm occurred and hail storm moved eastward over Grapevine, Tex., about in Grundy Co., and a heavy wind storm in Saline Co., Mo. At 5 p. m., damaging crops. At Columbia, Mo., a thunder storm Little Rock, Ark., a thunder storm moving eastward, with rain began during the night and ended at 8 a.m., and a man was struck by lightning and killed about 8 miles from the city. At Nevada, Grundy Co., Mo., a severe storm was reported which caused damage to several buildings.

9th.—At Springfield, Mo, a thunder-storm began 1.25 p. m., and hail fell from 1.48 p. m. to 1.52 p. m. The hail-stones were of irregular shape and many of them measured 2 inches in diameter. The storm ended 3.20 p.m. Considerable damage was done by the hail. At Irishtown, Ill., a thunder-storm began 3.40 p. m., and hail fell for 25 minutes. Some of the hailstones were the size of partridge eggs. At Jordon's Grove, Ill., a church was unroofed and several buildings damaged. At Milwaukee, Wis., a thunder-storm with high e. winds began 7.25 p. m. and ended 11.30 p. m. The rain was very heavy and the lightning brilliant. A building was struck by lightning and set on fire. A heavy rain and hail storm was reported at Hempstead, Tex. A destructive wind, rain, and thunder-storm was reported at Monticello, Ill., during which 2

10th.—At New Orleans, La., a thunder-storm moving northward began at 2.35 p. m. and lasted 55 minutes. A boy was struck by lightning and killed a few miles north of the At Memphis, Tenn., a violent thunder-storm began 11.30 p. m., 9th, and ended at 1 a. m., 10th, during which a building used for storing cotton was struck by lightning and burned, to-

gether with 8,000 bales of cotton.

buildings were struck by lightning.

11th.—A violent electric storm passed over York, Pa., in the evening, during which 0.25 inch of rain fell in 9 minutes. A violent thunder-storm with hail occurred in the evening in

12th.—At Palestine, Tex., a thunder-storm, with heavy rain, hail, and high winds occurred in the evening. A heavy wind and hail storm was reported at Gainesville, Tex., causing some damage in that vicinity. In Cooke and Grayson, counties, Tex., wind, rain, and hail storms caused damage to buildings, etc. A severe local storm was reported at Beatrice, Nebr. At Leavenworth, Kans., high s. and se. winds with rain and distant thunder prevailed at intervals during the day: several trees were uprooted by the wind.

14th.—A heavy rain and hail storm occurred in the east part of McCulloch Co., Tex., in the afternoon. A violent elec-

tric storm was reported in Grayson Co., Tex.

15th.—At 7 p. m., local time, a storm passed ne. over Hansford, Tex., in a path about 400 yards in width. The storm was preceded by hail the size of pigeon eggs and heavy thunder and lightning. A funnel-shaped cloud was seen, but dust prevented accurate observation; 2 persons were killed and property was destroyed to the value of about \$25,000. Several persons stated that they observed balls of fire during the passage of the storm. The storm destroyed everything in its Prior to striking Hausford it had evidently been split, as on the flats 5 miles from town there were 2 distinct traces of its course. At Claude, Armstrong Co., Tex., 2 men were killed and several houses were destroyed. A severe storm also occurred at Palodura City, Tex. A heavy thunder-storm passed over Little Rock, Ark., about 4 a. m., burning out connections in the telephone exchange. A severe local storm was reported at Liberal, Kans., in the afternoon. A severe electric storm was reported at daylight at England, Ark.

16th.—At Dodge City, Kans., a violent thunder-storm began at 10.45 p. m., 15th, and between midnight and 1 a. m., 16th, the thunder and lightning were terrific, and heavy rain fell. About 1.10 a. m. the wind blew at the rate of 58 miles per hour and attained a force of 70 miles for 1 minute, causing considerable damage to out houses, etc. Light hail fell at intervals from 12.15 to 12.55 a.m. Violent storms were reported

heavy rain which continued after the storm, and caused dam-timber. During a thunder and hail storm at Indianola, Iowa, 2 and hail, occurred in the evening. Severe storms occurred in Georgia. Very heavy rainfall caused considerable damage in Glynn Co., and a man was killed by lightning near Savannah. A man was killed by lightning near Washington, N. C.

17th.—A heavy thunder-storm passed about 25 miles ese. of San Antonio, Tex., and creps were reported destroyed by heavy rain and floods. At Concordia, Kans., rain and distant thunder, with hail the size of walnuts, began at 6.58 p.m., flooding streets and basements. At Gallinas, Tex., the rainfall of the 17th-21st, inclusive (13.55), is remarkable as being in excess of that measured during any single month in 20 years. Most of the precipitation occurred during the storm of the 17th, 20th, and 21st. On the 17th 5.00 inches fell in less than 2 hours, and rain fell at about the same rate on the 21st. Incessant and violent thunder and lightning attended these storms, with dashes of hail the size of cherries. During a rain storm at Chattanooga. Tenn., what appeared to be polled was deposited in the gutters and on houses. At Trenton, Mor, a boy was reported killed by lightning. At Olney, Ill., 2 barns were struck by lightning, one of which was burned. A destructive wind and hail storm was reported at Marion, Ind., in the afternoon. At Tarpon Springs, Fla., 2 buildings were struck by lightning and damaged.

18th.—During a heavy thunder-storm, with hail, a barn was struck by lightning and burned a few miles n. of Dyberry, Pa. Severe electric storms, with hail, occurred in central and south Pennsylvania. At Salladasburgh, Pa., a man was reported killed by lightning. Considerable damage was reported by lightning in Harford and Baltimore counties, Md. Royalston, Mass., a severe thunder-storm, with heavy rain and incessant lightning, occurred. At Orange, Mass., 5 houses and 2 horses were struck, and one man was killed, by lightning. About 1 mile from Northville, Tenn., a storm began shortly after 1 p. m., and in a few minutes the rain fell in torrents and the thunder and lightning were terrific. A store and several trees in Crossville were struck by lightning. The sound of the electricity passing through the falling rain was like that produced by thrusting a red-hot bar of iron into water. rivulet of fire which seemed to break out from a heavy black cloud ran down some 5°, when it divided, one-half rushing down and shivering a tall tree and the other half arching over the sky to the opposite side and producing a series of concussions like the discharge of heavy cannon. A severe storm was reported in Paladura Canyon, Tex.

19th.—A heavy thunder-storm moved ne. over Oklahoma City, Okla. T., and a cloud-burst was reported in the Cherokee Strip. Some stock was killed by lightning near Tullahoma, Tenn.

20th.—At Corpus Christi, Tex., a high se, wind had been blowing for several days. At 11.15 a. m. the wind veered to sw. and then to w. and nw. A bank of clouds in the nw. seemed to be thrown violently upward and in a few minutes the wind reached a velocity of 60 miles per hour, with heavy rain, 0.52 inch falling in 13 minutes. The wind continued in gusts until 5 p. m. The track of the storm was about 2 miles in width; several houses were blown down; 2 small boats were sunk; and a boy was killed by a falling shed. A severe storm was reported at Pittsburgh, Camp Co., Tex., demolishing a number of buildings and injuring several persons. A heavy rain and hail storm was reported at Del Rio, Tex. At Lawrenceburgh, Tenu., a storm of wind, rain, and hail damaged young vegetation.

21st.—A farmer and 2 horses were killed by lightning in Knox Co., Tenn. At Louisville, Ky., a thunder-storm from the sw., with high winds, prevailed in the afternoon; the temperature fell from 86° to 63° in 20 minutes. At Vevay, Ind., fences and trees were prostrated by a strong sw. gale.

in sw. Kansas and Texas. 3 miles n. of Carrollton, Mo., a storm from the nw. cut a path about 50 yards in width through the necticut. At Norwich a man was reported killed by lightning.

blown down.

Lake region. At Duluth considerable damage was done to light fall of rain. Sells Brothers circus lost about \$5,000 by unfinished buildings. At Trout Lake, 44 miles west of Sault de damage to properties, and several of the audience and em-Ste. Marie, Mich., wind uprooted trees and demolished houses. | ployés were injured. A man was reported killed by lightning 80th.—A severe storm with thunder and lightning swept near Stockwell, Ind.

At Middletown, an iron building in course of erection was over Tiffin, Ohio, about 5 p. m. The storm, which appeared to be a straight blow, moved eastward, damaging houses, trees, 27th.—A severe gale prevailed over the north part of the etc. The wind lasted about 5 minutes and was followed by a

() INLAND NAVIGATION.

Heights of rivers above low-water mark, April, 1891 (in feet and tenths).

Stations.	Danger- point on- gauge.	Highest water.		Lowest water.		thly ge.
		Date.	Height.	Date.	Height.	Monthl range.
Red River.						
Shreveport, La	29.9	30	18.0	18, 19	13.8	4.2
Fort Smith, Ark	22.0	21	17.5	. 10	5.2	12.3
Little Rock, Ark	23.0	23	20.9	13	Š. 1	12.8
Sioux City, Iowa	18.7	10	10.6	8	6.0	4.6
Omaha, Nebr	18.0	11	11.2	I	7.6	3.6
Kansas City, Mo	21.0	15	14.5	. 11	9.6	4.9
Saint Paul, Minn	14.0	17	6.4	1	3.2	3.2
La Crosse, Wis	13.0	27, 2Š	10.4	I	8.4	2.0
Dubuque, Iowa	16.0	. 30	13.9	I	8.1	5.8
Davenport, Iowa	15.0	29, 30	10.0	I	6.9	3.1
Keokuk, Iowa	14.0	22	10.6	2	9.7	0.9
Saint Louis, Mo	30.0	25	23.5	9, 10	18.1	5.4
Cairo, Ill	40.0	6	44.8	30	31.3	13.5
Memphis, Tenn	33.0	11,15	33.9	30	28.0	5.9
Vicksburg, Miss	41.0	2, 3, 4	48· I	21,26	47.3	0.8
New Orleans, La Ohio River.	13.0	2	15.8	30	15.0	0.8
Pittsburgh, Pa	22.0	4	15.0	30	3.0	12.0
Parkersburgh, W. Va	38.0	4	24.8	30		18.8
Cincinnati, Ohio	45.0	7	43.5	30	15.5	28.0
Louisville, Ky	24.0	7	18.6	30	7.9	10.7
Nashville, Tenn	40.0	4	26.4	20, 30	11.4	15.0
Chattanooga, Tenn	33.0	2, 3	16.3	30	5.2	10.1
Knoxville, Tenn	29.0	13	9.2	30	2.7	6.5
Pittsburgh, PaSavannah River.	29.0	4	15.0	30	3.0	12.0
Augusta, Ga	32.0	3	23.5	30	9.4	14. I
Portland, Oregon	15.0	27, 28	8.8	4	2.6	6.2

ICE IN RIVERS AND HARBORS AND OPENING OF NAVIGATION. Mississippi River.—At La Crosse, Wis., the river was clear of floating ice until 6.30 p. m. of the 1st, when it came down in great fields, doing considerable damage to the new sheer work of the new bridge. At Red Wing, Minn., the river was free of ice on the 5th. On the 10th ice on Lake Pepin was considerably broken up by high winds. Reports of the 16th indicated that the ice on Lake Pepin was sufficiently broken up to allow the passage of steamboats. On the 12th the first up-river boat of the season arrived at La Crosse, Wis.

Missouri River.—The ice gorge below Fort Buford, N. Dak., broke during early morning of the 1st. On the 4th navigation opened at Scranton, N. Dak. Ice was running out until the 4th, and on the 5th the river was clear of ice at that point. On the 3d the ice broke up at Bismarck, N. Dak., at 4 a. m. In the last kansas City, Ark. On the 2d the stage of the water was 48.1 46 years the earliest date on which the ice was broken up at feet, 7.1 feet above the danger-line, at Vicksburg, Miss., and Bismarck was March 3d, 1871, and the latest date was April 21st, 1859. At Pierre, S. Dak., the earliest date upon which ice was broken up in the last 46 years was March 11th, 1873, and the latest date was April 20th, 1847. At Fort Yates, N. Dak., the ice was breaking up and moving out on the 4th. At Fort Sully, S. Dak., the river began filling up with broken ice on the 5th; 6th, river full of running ice; 26th, the first boat of the season going south; 29th, the first boat of the season going north. On the 10th the river was clear of ice at Yankton, S. Dak. On the 10th the river rose very rapidly at Sioux City, Iowa, with a large amount of drift and but little ice.

River blocked with ice from Marysville to Saint Clair, a distance of 12 miles; 13th, ice from lake was filling up the river at Port Huron, and the steamer "Atlantic," which left Detroit on the 12th, was reported fast in the ice at Olgonac; 14th, river completely blocked by ice at Port Huron, and ferryboats were unable to run; this condition never before existed at that place at this season of the year; 16th, the ice in the

river was slowly breaking up at Port Huron.

Lake Champlain was opened for navigation at Plattsburgh Barracks, N. Y., on the 4th. At Burlington, Vt., navigation was resumed on the 9th. Navigation on Lake Ontario opened at Oswego, N. Y., on the 4th. At Buffalo, N. Y., ice was drifting down the Niagara River in large fields on the 2d; 5th, harbor clear of ice; 10th, lake entirely free of ice; 14th, navigation opened; 16th, the first boat of the season left. gation on Lake Erie opened at Erie, Pa., on the 11th; at Toledo, Ohio, on the 5th, and at Sandusky, Ohio, on the 7th. On the 9th Lake Huron was covered with ice as far as could be seen from Port Huron, Mich. On the 19th a steamer from Lake Michigan arrived at Duncan City, Mich.; this was the first boat of the season. At Sault de Ste. Marie, Mich., the first boat of the season, a tug, bound from Detroit for Ashland, arrived on the 27th. At Duluth, Minn., navigation opened on the 30th. Since 1880, the earliest date on which navigation opened at Duluth, was March 25th, 1889, and the latest date was May 9th, 1883. The first boat of the season from Milwaukee, Wis., arrived at Green Bay on the 13th. The first boat of the season left Port Huron, Mich., on the 19th, and Fort Gratoit Light was lighted for the first time this sea-On the 20th a steam barge arrived at Port Huron from Oscoda, Mich.; this was the first arrival of the season. the 23d vessels that had been ice bound at Saint Clair Flats forced their way through, opening navigation for the season. At Port Huron navigation opened 25 days later than last year. The first boat of the season from Bay City, Mich., arrived at Alpena on the 19th. Lake Winnebago was opened at Osh-

() FLOODS. The month opened with the Mississippi River above the danger-line from Cairo, Ill., southward; it continued above the danger-line at Cairo until the 19th; at Memphis, Tenn., until the 22d; and at Vicksburg, Miss., and New Orleans, La., throughout the month.

kosh, Wis., on the 21st.

On the 1st the Mississippi River was rising rapidly at Ar-15.8 feet, 2.8 feet above the danger-line, at New Orleans, La. On the 3d the Concord crevasse was 1,000 feet in width. river remained stationary at 48.1 feet at Vicksburg, Miss. break occurred about 2 miles below Longwood, Miss. On the 4th the river remained stationary at 48.1 feet at Vicksburg, Miss. On the 5th a portion of the newly constructed levee which was built to protect Gretna from the overflow from the Ames crevasse gave away, and in a few hours the entire rear portion of the town was flooded, and much damage and inconvenience resulted. On the 6th the stage of the water at Cairo, Ill., was 44.8 feet, 4.8 feet above the dauger-line. On the 10th Saint Clair River.—On the 3d the Saint Clair River was water from the Ames crevasse broke through the rear protec-closed by ice 12 miles south of Port Huron; 8th, large quan-tities of floating ice passing Port Huron; 9th, Saint Clair Orleans, and it was feared that great damage would be done